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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Hearing on the Federal Budget

On Tuesday, February 15, 2005, the Assembly Budget Committee, chaired by Assembly Member John Laird, will hold an informational hearing at 10:00 a.m. entitled the "Impact of the President's Proposed Federal Budget on California". According to Budget Committee staff, the hearing's agenda will include an overview of the impacts and the context in which they occur, followed by specific presentations on the impact on education, Medi-Cal, transportation, Homeland Security, and SCAAP.

Tim Ransdell, Executive Director of the California Institute in Washington D.C., is slated to present the overview and context, and Stan Rosenstein, Deputy Director of Medical Care Services at the California Department of Health Services, is scheduled to present the impacts on California's Medi-Cal program. The remaining witnesses are not yet confirmed. Our Sacramento advocates will attend the hearing.

Medi-Cal Redesign Hearings

Three hearings are scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss the Governor's Medi-Cal Redesign Proposal. The first will be conducted by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 9 a.m. The Subcommittee is chaired by Senator Denise Ducheny, and the hearing will concentrate on hospital financing, managed care expansion, and premiums for Medi-Cal recipients above the poverty level.

On Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 1:30 p.m., there will be a Joint Hearing of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services (Assembly Member Hector De La Torre, Chair), and the Assembly Health Committee (Assembly Member Wilma Chan, Chair). This hearing will focus on hospital financing.

There will also be joint hearing on Medi-Cal Redesign on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. by the Senate Health Committee (Senator Deborah Ortiz, Chair), and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services (Senator Denise Ducheny, Chair).

Representatives from the Administration, as well as from public and private hospitals, are expected to make presentations at each of these hearings. Our Sacramento advocates will attend these hearings.

Public Pension Hearings

On Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 1:30 p.m., Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on Legislative, Executive, Judiciary, Transportation, and General Government (Senator Joe Dunn, Chair) will hold a hearing entitled: "Budget Implications of the Privatization of Public Pensions: Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution".

The Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security (Assembly Member Alberto Torrico, Chair) follows suit on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., with a hearing on: "The Condition of California's Public Pension Systems".

We will continue to keep you advised.

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